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INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1943

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Mr. McKELLAR, for Mr. GLASS, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6430]

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6430) making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and for other purposes, report the same to the Senate with various amendments and present herewith information relative to the changes made.

Amounts of bill as passed House.....	\$2, 096, 048, 875. 00
Amount of increase by Senate (net).....	29, 937, 015. 66
Amount of bill as reported to Senate.....	2, 125, 985, 890. 66
Amount of the appropriations, 1942.....	3, 354, 038, 224. 00
Amount of the regular and supplemental estimates, 1943.....	2, 109, 887, 431. 66
The bill as reported to the Senate:	
Exceeds the estimates for 1943.....	16, 098, 459. 00
Under the appropriations for 1942.....	1, 228, 052, 333. 34

The changes in the amounts of the House bill recommended by the committee are as follows:

INCREASES AND LIMITATIONS

Federal Works Agency:

Public Buildings Administration:

Salaries and expenses, public buildings and grounds, in the District of Columbia and adjacent area-----	\$2, 000, 000. 00
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National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics:

Aircraft engine research laboratory-----	4, 071, 000. 00
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Tennessee Valley Authority-----	36, 120, 112. 00
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The committee recommends that the following proviso be stricken from the bill:

" : Provided, That this appropriation and any unexpended balance on June 30, 1942, in the 'Tennessee Valley Authority fund 1942', and the receipts of the Tennessee Valley Authority from all sources during the fiscal year 1943 (subject to the provisions of section 26 of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended), shall be covered into and accounted for as one fund to be known as the 'Tennessee Valley Authority fund, 1943', to remain available until June 30, 1943, and to be available for the payment of obligations chargeable against the 'Tennessee Valley Authority fund, 1942'."

and proposes a direct appropriation equal to the estimated receipts.

It is recommended by the committee that the funds of the Tennessee Valley Authority shall be available for the "construction of a system of public-use navigation terminals on the Tennessee River."

United States Maritime Commission:

State Marine School, at Castine, Maine-----	60, 416. 66
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Total increase-----	42, 251, 528. 66
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DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS

National Resources Planning Board:

Salaries and expenses-----	268, 845. 00
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It is recommended by the committee that the following proviso be added to the bill:

: Provided, That no part of the funds appropriated under this item shall be used for the performance of any functions or duties other than the functions heretofore authorized by law to be performed by the Federal Employment Stabilization Board

National defense activities-----	400, 000. 00
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Total, National Resources Planning Board-----	668, 845. 00
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DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS—continued

Office of Government Reports:

Salaries and expenses-----	\$400,000.00
Printing and binding-----	6,270.00

It is recommended by the committee that the following paragraph be added to the bill:

The appropriations herein made for the Office of Government Reports shall not be supplemented by funds from any source aggregating in excess of \$600,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943.

Total, Office of Government Reports-----	406,270.00
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Civil Service Commission:

Salaries and expenses-----	861,527.00
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It is recommended by the committee that the following language be inserted in the bill:

and including actual transportation expenses and not to exceed \$10 per diem in lieu of subsistence and other expenses of members of the Board of Legal Examiners serving as such while away from their homes, without other compensation from the United States,

It is further recommended that the following proviso prohibiting the use of any of the funds of the Civil Service Commission for salaries and expenses of the Board of Legal Examiners be eliminated from the bill:

"Provided further, That no part of any appropriation in this Act shall be available for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Legal Examiners created in the Civil Service Commission by Executive Order Numbered 8743 of April 23, 1941."

Salaries and expenses, national defense:

Reduction in travel expenses-----	45,780.00
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Total, Civil Service Commission-----	907,307.00
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Alley Dwelling Authority:

It is recommended by the committee that the following paragraph be stricken from the bill:

"THE ALLEY DWELLING AUTHORITY

"The unexpended balance on June 30, 1942, of the 'Conversion of inhabited alleys funds', established pursuant to the provisions of the District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act, together with all accretions during the fiscal year 1943 to said fund under the provisions of said act and of the United States Housing Act of 1937 shall be available until June 30, 1943, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said District of Columbia Alley Dwelling Act."

DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS—continued

Federal Communications Commission:

Salaries and expenses-----	\$300, 000. 00
Salaries and expenses (national defense):	
Traveling expenses-----	12, 460. 00

Total, Federal Communications Commission-----	312, 460. 00
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Federal Loan Agency:

Office of the Administrator:

It is recommended by the committee that the administrative expenses of the Office of the Administrator be reduced by \$8,425.

Electric Home and Farm Authority:

It is recommended by the committee that the amount for salaries and expenses be reduced by \$50,000.

Export-Import Bank of Washington:

It is recommended by the committee that the following paragraph be stricken from the bill:

"EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF WASHINGTON

"Export-Import Bank of Washington, administrative expenses: Not to exceed \$270,535 of the funds of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, established as an agency of the Government by Executive Order Numbered 6581 of February 2, 1934, and continued as such agency until January 22, 1947, by the Act approved January 31, 1935, as amended by the Act of September 26, 1940 (Public, Numbered 792), shall be available during the fiscal year 1943 for all administrative expenses of the bank, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; travel expenses, in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations and the Act of June 3, 1926, as amended (5 U. S. C. 821-833); printing and binding; lawbooks and books of reference; not to exceed \$500 for periodicals, newspapers, and maps; procurement of supplies, equipment, and services; typewriters, adding machines, and other labor-saving devices, including their repair and exchange; not to exceed \$25,000 for the temporary employment of persons or organizations for special services by contract or otherwise, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes; transfer of household goods and effects, as provided by the Act of October 10, 1940, and regulations promulgated thereunder; rent in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That all necessary expenses (including special services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, or disposition of any real or personal property belonging to the bank or in which it has an interest, including expenses of collections of pledged collateral, shall be considered as nonadministrative expenses for the purposes hereof."

Federal Home Loan Bank Board:

It is recommended that the amount available for administrative expenses of the Board be reduced from \$1,500,938 as proposed by the House to \$1,250,000.

DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS—continued

Federal Loan Agency—Continued.

Federal Home Loan Bank Board—Continued.

It is further recommended by the committee that the following proviso be stricken from the bill:

“: Provided further, That except for the limitations in amounts hereinbefore specified, and the restrictions in respect to travel expenses, the administrative expenses and other obligations of the Board shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of said Act of July 22, 1932, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1421-1449).”

The committee has added the following proviso to the bill:

: Provided further, That such sum shall be so apportioned and distributed by the Board over the fiscal year 1943, and shall be so administered during such fiscal year, as to (1) constitute the total amount that will be required for such expenses during such fiscal year and (2) prevent expenditures which will necessitate making additional sums available for such expenses during such year; and a failure to comply with the requirements of this proviso shall be deemed to be a violation by each member of the Board, and by any other person responsible for such failure, of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U. S. C. 665).

Federal Housing Administration:

It is recommended by the committee that the amount for administrative expenses be reduced from \$15,041,343 as proposed by the House to \$14,621,499, a reduction of \$419,844—\$189,844 in travel, \$180,000 for Public Relations and Education Division and \$50,000 which was made available for transfer to the Bureau of Standards.

It is further proposed that the following provisos be stricken from the bill:

“: Provided further, That not exceeding \$180,000 of the sum herein authorized shall be expended in the District of Columbia for purposes of the Public Relations and Education Division: Provided further, That not to exceed \$50,000 of the amount made available hereby for administrative expenses may be transferred to the National Bureau of Standards to carry out specific projects of the Administration, upon the request of the Administrator, for studies of the properties and suitability of building materials with particular reference to their use in low-cost and low-rent housing, including the construction of such experimental structures as may be necessary therefor, and for printing, binding, and disseminating the results of such studies”

It is recommended by the committee that the following limitation be added to the bill:

: Provided further, That no part of the sum herein authorized shall be expended in the District of Columbia for the purposes of the Public Relations and Education Division.

DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS—continued

Federal Loan Agency—Continued.

Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation:

It is recommended by the committee that the amount available for administrative expenses be reduced from \$450,443 as proposed by the House to \$400,000.

Home Owners' Loan Corporation:

It is proposed by the committee that the amount available for administrative expenses be reduced from \$15,153,712 as proposed by the House to \$12,000,000—a reduction of \$3,153,712.

It is recommended by the committee that the following provisos be stricken from the bill:

“: Provided further, That not to exceed \$50,000 of the amount made available hereby for administrative expenses may be transferred to the National Bureau of Standards to carry out specific projects of the Corporation, upon its request for studies of the properties and suitability of building materials, with particular reference to their use in low-cost and low-rent housing, including the construction of such experimental structures as may be necessary therefor, and for printing, binding, and disseminating the results of such studies: Provided further, That except for the limitations in amounts hereinbefore specified, and the restrictions in respect to travel expenses, the administrative expenses and other obligations of the Corporation shall be incurred, allowed, and paid in accordance with the provisions of said Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, as amended (12 U. S. C. 1461-1468)”

It is further recommended by the committee that the following provisos be added to the bill:

: Provided further, That such sum shall be so apportioned and distributed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation over the fiscal year 1943, and shall be so administered during such fiscal year, as to (1) constitute the total amount that will be required for such expenses during such fiscal year and (2) prevent expenditures which will necessitate making additional sums available for such expenses during such year; and a failure to comply with the requirements of this proviso shall be deemed to be a violation by each member of the Board, and by any other person responsible for such failure, of section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U. S. C. 665): Provided further, That no part of the amount made available hereby for administrative expenses may be used for the maintenance of regional offices.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation:

It is proposed by the committee that the amount available for administrative expenses be reduced from \$10,335,292 as proposed by the House to \$10,310,792. This reduction is brought about by a saving in travel expense of \$23,000 and the elimination of \$1,500 for periodicals and newspapers.

Federal Power Commission

Salaries and expenses-----

\$303, 125. 00

DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS—continued

Federal Trade Commission:

Salaries and expenses-----	\$252, 224. 00
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Federal Works Agency:

Public Buildings Administration:	
General Administrative expenses-----	\$226, 540. 00
Public Roads Administration:	
Elimination of grade crossing-----	5, 300, 000. 00
Public lands highways-----	500, 000. 00

United States Housing Authority:

It is recommended that the amount for administrative expenses be reduced from \$4,526,930 as proposed by the House to \$4,277,132. This reduction was made possible by the elimination of \$1,300 for the purchase of 2 automobiles, \$5,000 for the purchase of books and newspapers, \$2,500 for attendance at meetings, \$15,000 for the preparation and mounting of exhibits, \$25,000 for special services, \$90,000 for informational functions and \$50,000 for transfer to Bureau of Standards for specific projects, and a reduction in travel expenses of \$60,998.

It is recommended by the committee that the following limitation be added to the bill:

: Provided further, That no part of the funds made available under this paragraph shall be used for informational service functions.

Annual contributions-----	2, 000, 000. 00
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Total, Federal Works Agency-----	8, 026, 540. 00
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General Accounting Office:

Contingent expenses:	
Traveling expenses-----	16, 205. 00

Interstate Commerce Commission:

General administrative expenses:	
Traveling expenses-----	9, 484. 00
Regulating accounts:	
Traveling expenses-----	14, 805. 00
Safety of employees:	
Traveling expenses-----	13, 590. 00
Signal safety systems:	
Traveling expenses-----	3, 273. 00
Locomotive inspection:	
Traveling expenses-----	11, 065. 00
Valuation of property of carriers:	
Traveling expenses-----	2, 478. 00
Motor-transport regulations:	
Traveling expenses-----	21, 000. 00
Salaries and expenses, emergency:	
Traveling expenses-----	5, 850. 00

Total Interstate Commerce Commission-----	81, 545. 00
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National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics:

Traveling expenses-----	6, 592. 00
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DECREASES AND LIMITATIONS—continued

National Archives:

Salaries and expenses, including \$1,600 for travel.....	\$101, 600. 00
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National Capital Park and Planning Commission:

Purchase of land.....	700, 000. 00
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Securities and Exchange Commission:

Salaries and expenses, including \$30,000 for travel....	530, 000. 00
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Tariff Commission:

Traveling expenses.....	1, 800. 00
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Tennessee Valley Authority:

It is recommended that the amount available for traveling expenses be reduced from \$769,044 to \$615,236 and that no provision be made for the purchase of passenger-carrying vehicles.

Total decrease.....	12, 314, 513. 00
Net increase.....	29, 937, 015. 66
Amount of bill as reported to the Senate.....	2, 125, 985, 890. 66

